

# Zook looking to put pressure on Bolden

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Despite Evan Royster's struggles this season, Illinois coach Ron Zook believes this Saturday, Royster will be the best tailback the Fighting Illini have faced this year.

"It's going to definitely be another stern test for our defense," Zook said.

With a struggling offensive line, Penn State may find the Illinois defense focusing more on Penn State freshman quarterback Rob Bolden.

But Zook said his game plan

won't change much based on the Nittany Lions quarterback.

The Illinois coach wouldn't say whether the Fighting Illini would be more or less aggressive with Bolden come Saturday.

"I think the No. 1 thing is you want to take away the things that he's shown in the first part of the season here to be successful," Zook said. "And try to force him to do some things maybe that he hasn't done."

One thing Bolden hasn't done much this season is allow his running abilities to take center stage.

Zook and Illinois will transition from playing Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor, known for his ability to run outside the pocket, to Bolden, who has the ability to run but more commonly known to drop back and pass.

Zook said the challenge of going

up against a quarterback such as Pryor and Michigan's Denard Robinson is knowing when and when not to pressure a running quarterback.

Bolden hasn't shown he is of the same running caliber as the other two, but with a line still learning to jell, it's hard seeing the Lions quarterback experiencing extended time in the pocket.

## Dantonio returning to box

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said he'll probably coach from the press box this Saturday against Michigan, but he plans to reevaluate the circumstance later in the week.

"I think as long as I don't have a setback, that's where I'll be," Dantonio said.

Dantonio said he plans to listen to his doctor's orders concerning

where he will coach from this Saturday against Michigan. Dantonio suffered from a heart attack after beating Notre Dame on Sept. 18 but found out he had a blood clot in his leg before this past weekend's Wisconsin game, forcing him to watch the game from the hospital. Michigan State's win against Wisconsin this past Saturday was more than pleasing for the Spartans coach.

"Probably the most satisfying moment I've had as a head football coach," Dantonio said. "And one of the biggest wins even though I was not there."

## The new Badger back

Wisconsin true freshman running back James White has been a revelation to people unfamiliar with the Badgers' program.

But the tailback has also

impressed Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema.

White won the previous two Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors and has been splitting reps with last season's Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, junior John Clay.

Bielema remembered watching White on a recruiting trip last season during Wisconsin's bye week and recalled White's ability to effectively change directions.

White's effectiveness means the Badgers won't be changing directions in game-planning any time soon.

"James' contribution has increased as well as his reps as well as his production," Bielema said. "And there's no reason to think that won't continue."

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**Bri Garcia (9)** runs during last spring's scrimmage vs. UPenn. Garcia is back on the field after a knee injury.

## Garcia finding her chance

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Coach Erica Walsh has been looking for a very simple, certain type of soccer player this season.

She wants a player with grit, good character, heart and the whole nine yards.

Enter Bri Garcia, a redshirt sophomore determined to find herself a chance to get on the field.

After spending the first half of the season getting back in shape from an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear last year, Garcia is proving to her coaches she belongs in the lineup for the Nittany Lions.

Judging by this past weekend's game, Walsh said Garcia looks like she can be an asset for the Lions going forward.

"She's made good strides over the last few weeks," Walsh said. "We thought it was time we gave her a look. She got in the match and helped us settle things down. She showed some good composure."

Garcia played for 40 minutes against Ohio State, the most time on the field she has seen all season. Prior to that game, she had only seen minutes in four of the team's other matches — the most being 20 against Bucknell.

Admitting she didn't work hard enough over the summer to build up her fitness, Garcia is now finally back in shape.

And though both her and Walsh know there are a few little things she needs to work on, that is expected after missing a year.

"It was good to finally play with everybody and not just on the practice field," Garcia said. "To be able to put on a jersey and have your name called out to go in and play against a good competitor, it's just great. It's awesome and I'm hoping I keep getting out there."

Through the team's first 10 games, Garcia's minutes were few and far between. Nevertheless, she continued to give it her all in practice through all of it.

Garcia's commitment paid off with a surprise opportunity to play extended minutes against Ohio State.

"I had seen some time in one of the other games and then didn't play against Michigan State," Garcia said. "You never really know. You can have a great week of practice, but somebody else can have a great week of practice too and [the coaches] want to see the other option over you."

As soon as she got on the field, she began to make a difference. Off of a Penn State corner kick, Monroig recalls one of Ohio State's fastest players start to counter the attack and sprint down the field with the ball. Garcia made sure the threat ended there.

"I just looked up and Bri Garcia is sprinting her butt off and then she caught her and ended up winning the ball for us and started us in the opposite direction," Monroig said. "It just goes to show you she wants to be on that field. She wants to be a piece to our puzzle."

After spending the majority of the season on the bench motivating the rest of the Lions, Garcia knows she still has a lot of work to do with her fitness.

Typically the leader off the field, Garcia is always the last one in the huddle to give each starter that final chest pump or slap on the behind before the game starts. Now, she's working on being a leader on it.

"I've overcome a lot of obstacles and I'm trying to work my way back in there," she said. "If I ever get the starting lineup call, it'd definitely be a great, great day."

Playing 40 minutes this weekend, things are starting to look up for her.

However, in the mean time, Garcia will just continue to work hard and prove to be that player Walsh has been looking for. "I like to think of myself as a little goofster," Garcia said. "Sometimes it gets too serious and you need that person to be like, 'Guys, it's soccer. We're all here to play soccer and have fun. It's not life or death.'"

"I feel like that's my role. To remind people that and give them a little pat on the back every now and then."

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# Freshman impresses in debut

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Within the first two minutes of Saturday's game against Pittsburgh, Mike McDonagh found himself in the penalty box for the first time in his collegiate career.

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The freshman forward was called for slashing after using his stick to try and stop a Panthers' offensive push.

"It wasn't the smartest play because I used my stick," McDonagh said.

"The referee usually always blows the whistle when he sees someone using their stick like that."

Once McDonagh's two minutes were up, he raced back onto the ice destined to redeem himself and help make a positive impact on the ice in his Icers' debut.

Minutes later, McDonagh fired a back-hander past Pittsburgh goaltender Mike Whitney to give the Penn State Icers (2-0) their first goal of the game. McDonagh then realized he might have just helped his cause.

"I knew I had to make up for the penalty with a big shift," McDonagh said. "Little did I know I would be scoring my first career goal. Inside it felt great to score. It was exciting con-

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Junior forward Paul Daley was impressed by the way his teammate rebounded after an early penalty.

Daley said other players may have been rattled after a situation like the one McDonagh faced, but this time, McDonagh bounced back and scored.

"He gave us a lot of momentum scoring the first goal of the game," Daley said.

McDonagh's positive first impression didn't stop there.

With the score tied at two after the second intermission, the freshman was able to make another key play to help boost the Icers to a victory.

McDonagh found a loose puck and

shot it off the boards to clear the zone. Sophomore forward George Saad was waiting for the puck and started an odd-man rush. Saad would score on the play, which ended up being the decisive goal in Penn State's 5-4 victory.

"It was a great breakup and finish," Daley said.

Daley is expecting big things from McDonagh this season.

He said the freshman needs to keep executing and continuing to learn the systems.

McDonagh agreed with his teammate and had an optimistic outlook for the remainder of the season.

"I need to continue to improve and help this team get a win no matter what," McDonagh said.

"It's good to be 2-0 after the first weekend."

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